



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Health System



**Date:** March 16, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** April 26, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise Rogers, Chief, Health System  
Chester J. Kunnappilly, MD, Interim Chief Executive Officer, San Mateo Medical Center

**Subject:** Agreement with Jessie Hwang, OD to provide optometry services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with Jessie Hwang, OD to provide optometry services for the term of September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

San Mateo County is responsible for providing necessary optical care to its medically indigent population, and access to services to its general population. Dr. Hwang has been providing optometry services at San Mateo Medical Center (SMMC) for the past nine years and will continue to provide, at a minimum, the same level of service as she has under previous contracts with the County.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County's need for optometry services is increasing due to the aging of its patient population. SMMC will continue to meet this growing need through contracts with Dr. Hwang and other optometrists. Dr. Hwang has agreed to provide the necessary diabetic retinopathy screening and optometry examination coverage for County patients.

County Administrative Memorandum B-1 provides that contracts for physicians are exempt from the Request for Proposals process.

The resolution contains the County's standard provisions allowing amendment of the County's fiscal obligations by a maximum of \$25,000 (in aggregate).

The agreement and resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The agreement contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by providing access to optometry services to County residents. It is anticipated that 100% of all eye examinations will adhere to the infection control standards as defined by the Joint Commission and Title XXII of the State of California, Code of Regulations, which will result in the reduced risk of healthcare-associated infections.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2015-16 Estimated	FY 2016-17 Projected
Percent of eye examinations that adhere to infection control standards as defined by Joint Commission, Title XXII, and other applicable standards	100%	100%

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The term of the agreement is September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2018. The amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$250,000. Funds in the amount of \$104,167 are included in the SMMC FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget.

The payment provisions of this contract are the same as the prior contract.

Expenses at SMMC are covered by fees for services or third-party payors whenever possible. The portion of expenses for services provided to the medically indigent or to those covered by programs that do not meet the full costs of care are covered by the County's General Fund contribution to SMMC, and are within the existing annual appropriation.